

# Year 6 Newsletter – Spring 1

## Welcome

Welcome back to term 3, we hope you have had a lovely Christmas break. This term we will be very busy in class with our new learning.

## Spelling and Reading

This term we will continue to have our test spelling on a Friday and new spellings will be sent home on this day. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills specifically finding evidence from a text to back up a point.



## Writing

In English this term we will be writing using our class text from last half term, Holes, to write An additional chapter from a different character's point of view. We will also be using our knowledge our history lessons last half term about World War I to write a non-chronological report to explain the roles animals played during the war.



## Maths

In maths we will be looking at ratio: scale drawings, scale factors; algebra including using function machine and solving equations and finally decimals: rounding, multiplying and dividing.



## Science

Our science topic this term is electricity. We will be investigating and making different circuits, including with switches and will be looking at voltage.



## Art & Design/Design & Technology

In art we will be studying Victorian art and architecture. We will be looking at different Victorian buildings. We will be having an introduction to the Pre-Raphaelites—Millais and the Pre-Raphaelites and realism—Rosset.



## Geography/History

In history we will be learning about the Suffragettes: Democracy in the 19th Century; The Nation of Women's Suffrage Societies; Emmeline Pankhurst and the WSPU; The Anti-Suffrage Campaign and War I and the Representation of the People Act



In geography we will be learning about British geographical issues: air pollution, climate change, waste, litter and local geographical issues.

## Music

In music we will be looking at the British composer Benjamin Britten and his New Year's Carols. We will listen to different pieces of this genre and compose our own jazz pieces.



## PE

In PE this term we will be doing basketball for outdoor PE (on Fridays) and developing less traditional activities: Leadership indoors (Monday).



## PSHE

In PHSE we will be looking at Dreams and Goals: personal learning goals; steps to success; my dream for the world; helping make a difference and personal achievements.



**RE**

In RE we will be learning about Christianity, specifically asking if anything is ever eternal.



**Reminders**

As a reminder, our school uniform for upper key stage 2 is a white shirt and school tie with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

Weekly homework will be given out on a Thursday to be handed in the following Monday. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.

**Homework Project**



Please see separate letter. The projects will be related to our next science Topic – electricity; our next history topic – the suffragettes or our next geography topic – British geographical issues. The children could make model electrical circuits or make a simple game that uses a circuit. They could do some research on the suffragettes and how they changed life in Britain for women or could find out about geographical issues that affect where we live.



**Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



**Times Tables Rockstars**



**Spelling Shed**



**Rewards**

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



**Class information**

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Morgan

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Bradley

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan and that upper Key Stage 2 uniform is black/grey trousers/skirt, white shirt and academy tie.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



**Dates for the diary!**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – Term 3 begins

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 6 health screening

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – NSPCC workshop

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024** – Term 3 ends